

873—4.23(86) Assignment for hearing. Contested cases shall be set for hearing within the discretion of the industrial commissioner as soon as practicable after the parties have had adequate opportunity to prepare for hearing. A party may request in writing that no hearing in a contested case be held until such time as specified matters have been accomplished or specified events have occurred. Continuances of hearings in contested cases shall be granted only by the industrial commissioner or the commissioner's designee. Requests for continuance shall state in detail the reasons for the request and whether the opposing party accedes to the request. The industrial commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall enter an order granting or denying the request.

Defendants shall promptly notify the industrial commissioner of settlements.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3(1) "b," 86.8 and 86.18.